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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provided for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.
Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. Submission required under CFR 1.114.

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on ____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on ____
- iii. ☐ Other ____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
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- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other ____

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2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103© for a period of ____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(I) required)
- b. ☐ Other ____

3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayments, to
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- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$1680.00 is enclosed for the following:
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- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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